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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Operational Mission
Preparation

REFERENCE: Memorandum dated 14 April 1969 from
D/O/OSA, Subject: Same [REDACTED]

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1. The meeting requested in the referenced memorandum was convened and action items discussed with the following in attendance:



2. The following action items which are supplementary to those outlined in the referenced memorandum were identified and agreed to by representatives from the participating staffs:

a. OSI/DSD will prepare a check list of "like to know" items about each of the selected target areas. Researching these items from all source data will

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develop a target "signature" consisting of confirmed/predicted background material concerning each target's environment. This detailed target study and analysis will then be used to formulate mission tactics, routes and equipment operation.

b. D/O/OSA will prepare a memorandum for the D/SA signature requesting DD/S&T assistance to expedite obtaining a specific mission requirement for [redacted]

c. D/O/OSA will prepare a list of possible tactics/approaches to missions against the selected targets for review at the next meeting.

2. The working group will reconvene on Thursday, 24 April 1969 at 1000 hours, in [redacted] to discuss progress on action items and to identify additional problems needing solution.

[redacted]
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Operations, OSA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

SUBJECT : [REDACTED] Operational Mission Preparation

REFERENCE : [REDACTED] Same subject, 3 Apr 69

1. The meeting requested in the referenced memorandum was convened and agenda items discussed with the following in attendance:

Dir, Spec Act (Opening Remarks)

D/O

D/M

Intel

Idea

Idea

D/R&D

R&D (Part Time)

R&D

R&D

Compt (Part Time)

Commo

MDM

SAS

ASD/OEL

ASD/OEL

HAIR/OEL

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DSD/OSI

DSD/OSI

2. The following primary areas of responsibility were established and action items agreed to by representatives from the participating staffs:

a. OSI is responsible for development of the specific [REDACTED] ELINT requirement for submission through SORS to the USIB for approval. OSA staff coordination will be accomplished by INTEL/OSA.

b. OEL is responsible for determining the optimum [REDACTED]

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points and any other recommendations to optimize the airborne ELINT collection system. Once this has been determined, further research will be conducted to consider all available collection capabilities within the community and to make recommendations regarding the capabilities which could be brought to bear in target areas specified [redacted] and which would enhance the overall collection effort. Coordinating staffs are D/O/OSA and DSD/OSI.

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c. Once the requirement has been developed by OSI and the collection capabilities have been determined by OEL, OSA will be responsible for preparing a mission plan, development of appropriate tactics and issuing specific instructions in the conduct of this sortie in an endeavor to optimize mission results. Coordinating staffs are DSD/OSI and ASD/OEL.

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[redacted]
[redacted] All principles further agreed that seeking approval for this targeting would be the best course to pursue providing future additional intelligence did not reveal the presence of more lucrative or higher priority targets.

4. Based on the above target selection(s), the following additional action items were identified:

a. AVD/OSA is responsible for providing instructions of proper settings for the System 6B or 17B. System operating instructions, recorder times and antenna positioning instructions will be provided IDEA/OSA for incorporation in the mission plan. Coordinating staffs are IDEA/OSA, DSD/OSI and ASD/OEL.

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b. DSD/OSI, ASD/OEL and INTEL/OSA collectively are

[redacted]
[redacted] Further, these staffs will prepare recommendations concerning [redacted] courses of

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action and related confidence factors for mission success. Coordinating staff is IDEA/OSA.

5. The working group will reconvene on Thursday, 17 Apr 69 at 1000 hours, in [redacted] to discuss progress on action items and to identify additional problems needing solution.

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Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Operations

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Scientific Intelligence
Director of Elint

SUBJECT: [redacted] Operational Mission
Preparation

1. The IDEALIST [redacted] has reached the final stages of development and it is estimated that the Detachment at [redacted] could be ready for its first operational mission as early as the latter part of May. Therefore, it is appropriate that coordinated planning begin so that this system may be exploited to the fullest extent of its current capability which will in turn guarantee the highest probability of success.

2. In order to expedite formulation of coordinated operational mission plans, I propose that a working group be formed consisting of representatives of my staff and appropriate staffs within the Directorates of Scientific Intelligence and Elint. Request appropriate representatives attend initial meeting tentatively scheduled Thursday, 10 April 1969, at 1000, [redacted]. Please advise names of staff officers assigned this working group and concurrence with this meeting time. (Contact IDEALIST Operations, ext [redacted].) Further request appropriate staffs be prepared to lead discussion in areas assigned on the attached agenda.

3. Purpose of initial meeting is to identify possible problem areas related to agenda items attached; assign specific staff action for solution of identified problems; schedule future meetings.

[redacted] request coordination
this subject be limited for the present to "in house"

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functions until it is definitely determined what "external" capabilities are desired to complement this effort.

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DONALD H. ROSS
Brigadier General, USAF
Director of Special Activities

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Attachment

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Introduction D/SA
2. Project Progress Report D/O/OSA
3. Elint Data Requirements OSI
4. Collection Capabilities OEL
5. Target selection for first operational mission. D/O/OSA
6. Target Defensive Environment Joint OSI/OEL
 - a. Air Order of Battle
 - b. Radar Order of Battle
 - c. Vehicle Vulnerability
7. D/O/OSA
8. Identify action items. All
9. Establish responsibilities re actions. All

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